

Degree in criminal justice from Lewis University and her Master's Degree in Management & Organizational Behavior from Benedictine University. She is a life-long resident of La Grange, and her outstanding service has made her a valuable asset to the community. In partnership with her local YMCA, Kielczynski organized Mom's GED—a program which provided training to predominately single mothers who had been forced to drop out of high school. Kielczynski also oversaw several programs designed to aid at-risk youths and encourage volunteer work, including Kids at Work, Friday Night Family Gym, and Cops 'N' Kids.

Sergeant Kielczynski has also served as an international ambassador for our nation's law enforcement. In Europe, she worked with the Romanian National Police as they transitioned from a military to civilian police force. Additionally, she served as an instructor and guest speaker at Police Academies in France, Monaco, Slovenia, Germany, Spain, and South Africa.

Sergeant Kielczynski's colleagues in the La Grange Police Department identify her as an exceptional leader and mentor. She is widely known and loved throughout the village and the surrounding areas. I have had the privilege of personally witnessing the positive impact that "Sarge Marge" has had on her community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Sergeant Marge Kielczynski—"Sarge Marge"—for her many years of service to her community and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

2015 MAJOR NORMAN HATCH
AWARD WINNER, BOB ZIMMERMAN

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 2015 Major Norman Hatch Award being awarded to filmmaker Bob Zimmerman of Tuscola, Illinois.

On April 25, 2015, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation presented this award to Zimmerman during a special ceremony at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. These annual awards go to Marines and civilians from across the nation to recognize their work in preserving Marine Corps history. Zimmerman received the Feature Documentary award for his work, *Rise of the Valiant*.

Zimmerman's documentary is the story of veterans from the 6th Marine Division, starting with their enlistment through their return home during World War II. The documentary combines interviews, war footage, and photographs to mainly focus on the 82-day Battle of Okinawa that claimed 250,000 lives.

Footage and photographs from the National Archives, the Marine Corps History Division, the National Museum of the Pacific War, and personal collections, combined with historical commentary from Bill Sloan bestir this extraordinary work. I would like to extend my congratulations to Bob Zimmerman on his distinguished accomplishment.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONOR FLIGHT OF OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 26 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this Saturday in Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Oregon. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to our nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are: Howard L. Huffman, Army; John Kincaid, Army; Thomas D. Lloyd Sr., Army; Richard P. Swanson, Army; Harold Von Werner, Army; Alfred Willstatter, Army; Wallace Wilson, Army; Albert J. Bochsler, Army Air Force; Lincoln G. Ekman, Army Air Force; Douglas I. Ernst, Army Air Force; Ernest L. Henderson, Army Air Force; Richard I. Kuehl, Army Air Force; Leonard E. Lonigan, Army Air Force; William D. McDonald, Army Air Force; Richard A. Wright, Army Air Force; Edwin H. Bietshek, Merchant Marines; Walter F. Behrle, Navy; Gerald J. Bowerly, Navy; Darrell D. Ervin, Navy; Otis E. Huskey, Navy; William E. Kelly, Navy; Nathan D. Laster, Navy; Clyde C. Martin, Navy; Paul W. Morgan, Navy; Wayne E. Sparks, Navy; and David G. Wienecke, Navy.

These 26 heroes join more than 138,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home states to Washington, D.C. to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these brave Americans who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize and thank Gail Yakopatz for her tireless work as president of Southern Oregon Honor Flight.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JAY W. GUYER

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and dedication of Lieutenant Commander Jay Guyer, who is leaving his post as Deputy U.S. Coast Guard Liaison to the House of Representatives.

During his time as a liaison to the House, Lieutenant Commander Guyer was a consummate professional who exemplified the Coast Guard's values of honor, respect, and devotion to duty. Over the last three years, Lieutenant Commander Guyer's extensive knowledge of Coast Guard operations and strategic priorities has been invaluable to the Members of the Coast Guard's oversight Committees as

critical decisions were made in an era of lean budgets.

Lieutenant Commander Guyer was instrumental in the education of Congressional Members and staff on Coast Guard missions, operations, and significant recapitalization needs. Lieutenant Commander Guyer worked tirelessly to showcase interagency operations throughout the Department of Homeland Security, highlighting the interoperability of homeland security agencies along the California coastline and leading delegations that examined the national security impact of illicit maritime smuggling throughout the Caribbean.

The men and women who serve as Congressional Liaisons make significant contributions to the success of the Coast Guard through their work with the Congress. Most notably, Lieutenant Commander Guyer played a key role in the transfer of 14 C-27J Spartan aircraft from the Air Force, avoiding over \$500 million in Coast Guard acquisition costs. His continued support for vital recapitalization and modernization efforts was integral throughout the 113th and 114th Congresses.

Lieutenant Commander Guyer's extensive knowledge of the Coast Guard's response operations ensured oversight committees were kept continually apprised of rapidly unfolding events during Hurricane Sandy, the Boston Marathon bombing, and surges in alien-migrant interdiction operations. On a personal note, he has been a tremendous help to me and my staff, especially in coordinating oversight of the Coast Guard's vital missions on the Great Lakes.

I would like to thank Lieutenant Commander Guyer for his dedication and service in this challenging position and congratulate him on his upcoming position as Executive Officer on Coast Guard Cutter *THETIS* in Key West, Florida.

I wish Lieutenant Commander Guyer fair winds and following seas as he continues his outstanding service to our Nation and thank his wife, Jennifer, and his children, Adam, and Kaitlin for their continued support to the Coast Guard family.

HONORING AMERICAN LEGION POST #1871 45TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, all across America, hundreds of American Legion programs are actively engaging in their respective communities, making the neighborhoods in which they operate better places to live. In New York's 16th Congressional District, which I represent, American Legion Post 1871 in Co-op City is celebrating its 45th year of actively engaging and strengthening the bonds between the residents in the Co-op City community.

Legion Post 1871 was chartered October 27, 1970 as a veteran organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. The organization has gained a reputation as being one of the nation's most active groups of veterans. The programs run by the members, or Legionnaires, include everything from youth mentorship to wholesome family events. American Legion Baseball, which Post 1871 participates in, is